



WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 28, 1897.

MR. GAGE is evidently any thing else than the right man in the right place as Secretary of the Treasury. He was so much in favor of the retroactive operation of the Dingley bill that he instructed the customs officers to that effect when the bill was first reported, though the absurdity of the idea was so patent that the tariff makers immediately abandoned it. Then, too, though he ordered the customs houses to be kept open four hours beyond the usual time last Saturday, in order that the increased tax on imported goods then due might be saved by the owners, if the ships on board of which they were, should arrive during office hours on that day, he subsequently ordered that the increased tax should be collected on such goods even if they arrived only one minute after twelve o'clock on the preceding Friday night. With two such men in his cabinet as Messrs. Gage and Sherman, it is no wonder that Mr. McKinley's administration should have proved a failure from its very commencement.

WHAT ARE the Richmond gushers, who have determined to invite the G. A. R. to hold its next annual reunion in their city, going to do with the many negro members of that organization? Will the Richmond hotels agree to feed and lodge them along with their white guests? In other Southern cities white people do not like to eat with negroes or to sleep in beds they have occupied; but for many years past there has been no telling what may not be done in Richmond.

THE BRITISH government has recently purchased eight thousand tons of steel rails for its East India railroad from manufacturers in this country, for the sufficient reason that it saved \$45,000 by doing so. But still the protectionists say there must be a high duty on steel rails. If England can buy rails cheaper from American manufacturers than from her own, why, in the name of common sense, should there be a duty on rails made in England?

THE President evidently believes in providing for his own household. The member of Congress from an Ohio district recommended a respectable man of a town in that district for postmaster there, but the President asked him to cancel that recommendation and recommend one of his, the President's, nephews for the place; which he did. The President's action was bad enough, but infinitely worse was that of the Congressman referred to.

THE New York Herald says "a mid-summer madness seems to have come over the Southern States where lynchings have been more than unusually frequent." Oh, no; the people of those States are cold, sober. Negro outrages upon white women in the Southern States have become more frequent, and of course lynchings, which is the recognized and legitimate punishment for such crimes in the South, has increased pari passu.

THE closing and suspension of a number of mills in Massachusetts and the consequent enforced idleness of thousands of employes anxious to work, do not comport with the reports of alleged revival of industry in the East as a consequence of the passage of the tariff bill, though they do with those of the rise in gold bonds and stocks.

WHEN the war was in progress and greenbacks were plentiful, the tariff was nearly sixty per cent. lower than it is now. But trusts, combines and monopolies had not then grown to be as rich and powerful as protective tariffs have since made them, and Presidential elections were not bought with money, and with promises that have to be filled for fear of exposure.

THE NEW tariff bill doesn't lower the price of a single article that poor people have to use, but it raises the price of almost every thing they have to buy. How the increased cost of living can possibly benefit people whose wages are not increased, is a question that only republicans, and the bolters who helped them to elect a President and Congress, can tell.

THE TAX on hides was imposed, the republicans said, to help the farmers. But such talk only fools gudgeons. The farmers sell their cows with the hides on them, where the tariff doesn't count, but when they are skinned, then the tariff comes into operation, and the cattle trusts recoup the money they subscribed to Mr. Hanna's corruption fund.

THE WHEAT crop is one of the largest ever harvested, and, owing to the unusual July rains, the size of the corn crop will be unprecedented. Providence has certainly helped the farmers; but, of course, the republicans will attribute the accruing benefit to the high tariff bill.

The St. Nicholas Magazine, for August, the mid-summer number, has been received from its publishers, the Century Company, New York.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, July 28.

President McKinley has promulgated the following amendment to civil service rule II: No removal shall be made from any position subject to competitive examination except for just cause and upon written charges filed with the head of the department or other appointing officer, and of which the accused shall have full notice and an opportunity to make defense. He also amended rule III so as to include within the classified service the employees of all custom house offices without regard to the number of employees. Hitherto the classification embraced customs offices where the number of employees was five or more. This order brings into the classified service sixty-five hitherto unclassified customs offices. The President has also amended rule VI, making exceptions to examinations, so as to read as follows: One cashier in each customs district, one chief or principal deputy or assistant collector in each customs district, one principal deputy collector at each sub-port or station. One employee in each internal revenue district, who shall act as cashier or chief deputy or assistant collector, as may be determined by the Treasury Department; one deputy collector in each internal revenue district where the number of employees in the office of the collector exceeds four; one deputy collector in each stamp or branch office. Appointments to the positions named in this rule in the customs house service and in the internal revenue service shall be subject to an examination to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, not disapproved by the commission, equal to the examination held by the commission for positions of like grade. Such examinations shall be conducted by the commission in accordance with its regulations.

President McKinley left Washington today for a vacation that may keep him away from the city for six weeks. He was accompanied by Mrs. McKinley, Secretary and Mrs. Alger, Mr. Porter, Assistant Private Secretary, and Executive Clerk Cortelyou. The White House steward and a maid servant also were along. As he left the house he bowed to the persons who stood on the portico to bid him goodbye. The other members of the party had preceded him to the railroad station. They go from here direct to Lake Champlain. At the Pennsylvania railroad depot a crowd of spectators had gathered and through two lines of these the President, with Mrs. McKinley leaning on his arm, passed to his car, greeting the crowd with smiles and doffing his hat. Secretaries Gage and Bliss and Attorney General McKenna saw the party off. Mr. McKinley was in excellent spirits and evidently anticipated much enjoyment from his trip. He was dressed in a suit of black with a white tie. There was just a tinge of color in his cheeks. Promptly at noon the signal was given and the train pulled out on its long run to Bluff Point, on Lake Champlain. The train is a splendidly equipped special of three Pullmans, the parlor car Wildwood, the smoker Caesar and the parlor and observation car Haslemere. It is expected to reach Jersey City about 5 o'clock this afternoon. There it will be transferred to the West Shore Railroad tracks and is expected to reach its destination about 6 o'clock to-morrow morning.

State Department officials say that no issue is presented by the seizure of Palmyra Island by an incoming vessel, for Great Britain has maintained claim to the island for the past nine years. The island is said to lie in the Polynesian group, and although Hawaii has asserted a claim to its possession, this government has not been strongly impressed with the validity of the claim. Meanwhile the British, it is said, not only have asserted a claim to it but have actually occupied the island for some years past. The island is nothing more than a barren rock in the Pacific, distant a thousand miles from Hawaii.

Though Secretary Gage has decided that the new tariff bill went into effect sixteen hours before it became a law, the old law officers of the Treasury Department have no idea that that decision will be sustained by the courts, to which of course it will be appealed.

A negro having been appointed collector of revenue in Georgia, it is said at the Treasury Department here that nearly all the negro men in that State have applied for positions under him.

The President appointed Daniel Swiney of Ohio, consul at Cork, Ireland, today, and a number of other appointments for home service, but none of them of any interest to Virginians.

It is rumored at the State Department that a bill to repeal the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will be reported early at the next session of Congress, as its existence may be an obstacle to the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine.

Consul Hanger, at Bermuda, passed through here today on his way home to Staunton, Virginia. His republican successor has not yet been appointed, but doubtless soon will be.

A wholesale grocery merchant of this city, talking today about the printed statements of some of the other business men to the effect that business had already revived here, looking out on Broadway avenue, said he saw few people on the streets and they walked as if they had nothing to do. "I see few wagons, and they are empty. Business has not revived; on the contrary, it is duller than ever, and those who say otherwise don't know what they are talking about. I wish they didn't."

People from Alexandria county, who had read a paragraph in this correspondence of yesterday's date, in reference to the roads in that county, say they can't tell what has become of the large sum of money that is collected there for county purposes, but that they are certain the new chairman of the Board of Supervisors will have affairs there conducted by square and rule hereafter.

Colonel Brady, the newly appointed collector of internal revenue for the lower district of Virginia was in his office today, and so numerous were the applicants for places under him that he had to lock himself up in his private room to keep them off him.

Judge Love, of Alexandria county, inspected the property known as the Murray lot, near Rosslyn, today. A part of it was recently condemned for railroad purposes, and its owners, DuLany et al., awarded \$1,600 damages, but they are not satisfied with that sum. While at Rosslyn, and near the new brewery there, the Judge inspected that also.

The Secretary of War has suspended the execution of the order starting a party of United States troops for Alaska on the boat sailing from Seattle August 5. There will be one more opportunity to move the command on a vessel sailing August 20 and the master

is still open, but the indications are that nothing will be done before spring.

T. R. Gaver was today appointed postmaster at Hillsboro, Va.

From Fairfax county it is learned today that Mr. Willard, member of the Virginia Legislature from that county, will not only take the Fairfax delegation as his guests to the State democratic convention, but has invited enough other people to occupy all the seats in the special car he has engaged for that trip.

Congressman Eizer, of the 8th Virginia district, having been criticised by some of his constituents for introducing in the House the bill to admit an electric railroad to enter Washington by a ferry at Annapolis Island, "by request," instead of as his own bill, says that he had no time to examine the bill, he did endorse it "by request," but that if, upon examination, he finds it meritorious, he will do all he can to have it passed.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A big oil well was discovered yesterday in Monongalia county, W. V.

Secretary Long has decided to send the big battleship Indiana to Halifax to be docked and cleaned.

A new match manufacturing plant, which will be a rival to the Diamond Match Company, will soon be established in Baltimore.

Marquis Ito, in an interview in Paris, says he expects a peaceful settlement of the Hawaiian controversy between Japan and the United States.

The London Central Railway has awarded contracts for its electric traction plant to Americans because of the superiority of work in that line done in the United States.

The contractors for the battle-ships Alabama, Wisconsin and Illinois will be instructed to complete the ships without regard to the failure of the government to provide armor.

Crocker is to be advanced in selling price because of the new tariff law. This was decided upon by a resolution passed yesterday at a meeting of the importers of earthenware of New York, held at the Crocker Board of Trade.

Mr. George J. Goschen, first lord of the British admiralty, yesterday announced a supplemental naval estimate of \$500,000 for the commencement of four very swift armed cruisers, made necessary by rapid additions to foreign navies.

A Boston firm, which had a large consignment of wool on steamships arriving at New York Saturday last, before President McKinley signed the Dingley tariff bill, has determined to bring the suit testing the ruling of the Treasury Department as to the payment of duties.

A special grand jury will meet at Parsons, W. Va., next Monday to take up the case of Col. Robert W. Eastham, of Davis, W. Va., formerly of Front Royal, Va., who killed Frank E. Thompson, of Davis. A special panel of the petit jury is called for the following day to try the case.

Secretary Gage, in a speech on the money question to the business men of Boston yesterday evening, said there was no pressing need for haste in the matter of proposed financial reforms, and that currency reform can only be secured by the people exercising constant pressure upon Congress.

At Athens, Ga., where Pink Morton, colored, has been named for postmaster, the citizens have arranged a system of boycotting the office. Judson Lyons, another colored man, has been promised the postoffice at Augusta, and a large delegation of citizens, headed by ex-Senator Walsh, will personally appear before the Senate to oppose his confirmation.

Several buildings in the center of the business portion of New York, N. Y., and used for manufacturing purposes, were destroyed by fire last night, the damage being estimated at about \$500,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance. A thousand men, women and children were at work when the conflagration began and it is believed that two persons lost their lives in the flames.

The coal operators of the Pittsburgh district held a conference in that city yesterday. A committee reported the old uniformity plan, but action was deferred. Colonel Read offered resolutions favoring the speedy adjustment of the strike by arbitration and expressed a willingness to advance the rate of wages. The resolutions in their entirety not meeting with favor, Col. Read withdrew.

William C. Whitney is about to build a fine ballroom as an extension to his residence, at the northeast corner of Fifth avenue and Sixty-eighth street, New York, which he purchased in November last from Amzi L. Barber for \$65,000. Today, with the outfit of Mr. Barber and the cost of Mr. Whitney's new ballroom, the residence will probably represent the investment of more than \$1,000,000.

Harry A. Rucker, the colored barber who has been appointed internal revenue collector for Georgia, will put colored men in the places of white men now in the service of that office. The appointment of Rucker has brought some thing less than a million applicants for deputy collectorships. The entire staff of his Decatur barber shop has been included in the list. Business men who have dealings with the office are making the biggest kind of a protest.

GOVERNMENT MAY BUILD.—The armor-producing companies having declined to furnish the Navy Department the armor needed for the three battle ships now building at the price of \$300 per ton fixed by Congress, Secretary Long has taken the second step in the line marked out by Congress, and has called upon the ship building companies themselves to submit propositions for procuring and fitting the armor.

One of them—the Union Iron Works of San Francisco—has already responded, declining, like the armor companies the department's invitation. There is little doubt that the others will make a like answer, although there is a small chance that some of the shipbuilders may combine to secure the control of one of the plants which the armor makers profess their readiness to sell, and turn out the armor needed for the ships in their hands. If, however, as is expected, all of the shipbuilders' replies are unfavorable, Secretary Long will proceed one step further, and appoint a board of officers to carry out the direction of Congress, and frame a plan for the establishment of a government armor plant.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Dr. J. L. Allen.

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The Shakers of Mount Lebanon recently came to the front with their new Digestive Cordial, which contains not only a food already digested, but is a digester of food.

It promptly relieves nearly all forms of indigestion. Ask your druggist for one of their bottles.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The corner-stone of the Second Baptist Church, of Danville, was laid yesterday afternoon by the Masonic fraternity.

The New Jersey democrats have invited Senator Daniel to deliver one or more speeches in the coming campaign in their State.

The mills in the Northern Neck, near Fredericksburg, that ceased operations because of the dry weather, are now running day and night.

It is said that Senator Martin desires to become democratic State chairman, and he will be a candidate for the office if a change is made by the Roanoke convention.

John C. Cowles and Clyde Gatewood, two well known young men, were drowned while bathing at Shipyard, in Charles City county, on the Chickahominy river, yesterday.

Mrs. Lucy Wharton, wife of Rev. T. A. Wharton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Abingdon, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Taliaferro, of Roanoke, died yesterday at Elizabethethon, Tenn.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Virginia State Dental Association will convene at Old Point Comfort August 2d. Dr. D. N. Rust, of this city, is a member of the executive committee of the association.

A dispatch from Richmond says one of the most prominent and by large odds one of the most influential democratic leaders in the State predicts that Taylor Ellyson will be nominated for Lieutenant-Governor by the Roanoke convention.

Having worked all night Monday night, John Cain, of Vienna, Fairfax county, was tired yesterday when he went into Washington driving his team, and dropped asleep. He woke up when he fell off the wagon and found an ugly wound over his left eye. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital and Dr. Bahr dressed the wound.

Herbert Walthall, a well-to-do married man of Brunswick county, was arrested in Petersburg Monday night charged with seducing Walthall was brought before Judge Mullen, on a writ of habeas corpus and released. Yesterday afternoon Sheriff Turnbull, of Brunswick county, arrived with a warrant for Walthall, but he is supposed to have left the city.

The Blue Ridge Hunt Club of Clarke county announces that it will give an exhibition consisting of high jumping, contests in running and other races, among them a two-and-one-half-mile race, to be held on the country, on August 17th, at "Carter's Hall" grove. Similar entertainments given by the club have proved exceedingly attractive, and the coming exhibition is looked forward to with a great deal of interest.

The Banister Negro Baptist Association at Houston, Halifax county in annual session, here unanimously passed a series of resolutions emphatically condemning the crime of outraging white women in the South, and calling upon the negroes to co-operate with the whites in stamping out the crime. The resolutions closed by commending Governor O'Ferrall for upholding the majesty of the law in insuring a legal trial to those charged with the outrages. The suggestion that should the infamous assaults by negroes upon white women continue the colored people in Virginia might have to rely upon their own efforts for educational advantages has apparently made an impression.

FARM FOR COLORED STUDENTS.—A Washington paper says the birthplace of President Madison at Port Royal, Va., is to be converted at an early date into an industrial college and farm for colored students.

At a convention of the colored citizens of Caroline, Westmoreland and King George counties, Virginia, held at Colonial Beach, Sunday and Monday last, it was decided to purchase the large plantation, Belle Grove, the birthplace of Madison, situated on the historic Rappahannock, for the purposes of a general industrial college for colored youth.

This plantation embraces 500 acres and is improved by six dwellings, the largest one containing twenty rooms. The property will cost \$15,000, \$7,000 of which was raised at the Colonial Beach convention.

The president of the new industrial college will be H. A. J. Cyrus, of Port Royal. One of the subscribers to the new project is a colored man, who owns the birthplace of President Monroe in Westmoreland county.

J. M. Langston returned to Washington yesterday from attendance at the Colonial Beach convention. He states emphatically that the new college will prove a success.

SHE WON THE BET.—Charles J. Kaufman, of Newport News, and Miss Zella M. Hendrick, of Fairville, Mo., were married on Monday in Norfolk by Rev. W. H. Atwill. There is a bit of interesting romance connected with the nuptial event. When the couple left Newport News Monday morning for a pleasure trip the thought of marrying had not entered their minds, though they had known each other for a long time.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Susan Meyers, the bride's cousin, and when walking down one of Norfolk's principal streets Mr. Kaufman broached the subject of matrimony, offering to make a wager that Miss Hendrick would not marry him. She accepted the wager, and Kaufman at once started for a marriage license and later in quest of a clergyman, expecting that Miss Hendrick would probably back out of the bet at any minute, but she proved game, and the ceremony was performed.

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LAXOL, the new Castor Oil, is being used in hospitals. It is sweet as honey.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Populist Convention.

ROANOKE, Va., July 28.—The populist convention was called to order at noon by State Chairman J. Haskins Hobson, of Powhatan. The Rev. L. G. M. Miller, of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Roanoke, offered prayer. The convention effected their temporary organization by electing E. R. Cooke chairman and H. A. Muller secretary. One hundred delegates were present. The convention adjourned until 4 o'clock. The delegates present do not favor fusion. They will place a full ticket in the field. Nothing has yet transpired as a recess was taken as soon as committees on credentials and organization were appointed.

Maryland Democrats.

BALTIMORE, July 28.—The Maryland State democratic convention met here today.

The purpose for which the convention was called was nominally to select candidates for comptroller and clerk of the Court of Appeals, but these were really of minor moment, in view of the fact that it actually meant the opening of a campaign which will in all probability decide whether or not Mr. Gorman will lose his seat in the Senate of the United States and his place at the head of the democratic party of Maryland. It is plain that he is far and away the master mind and the controlling spirit in the ante-convention deliberations. These deliberations dealt mainly with the questions to be touched upon in the platform, because it was understood that upon this platform Mr. Gorman is to make the fight of his life. The currency plank was naturally the most troublesome. As a delegate from his own county of Howard, Mr. Gorman took part in the convention, but it was the scenes which were enacted at the Carrollton Hotel last night and this morning that his influence was most potent and the national planks in the platform were shaped by him so that harmony might best be restored to the warring ranks of Maryland's democrats. A surprise was sprung upon the delegates, just prior to the assembling of the convention by the withdrawal of George A. Deakney, of Caroline county, and the substitution of State Senator Thomas A. Smith as the Gorman candidate for comptroller. The friends of Mr. Deakney gave as a reason for his withdrawal, his strong desire to promote harmony in the party. An earnest effort was then made to induce John R. Pattison, of Dorchester county, the candidate of the silver element in the convention, to withdraw also, but he emphatically declined to do so.

There was a salvo of handclapping and some cheering when Mr. Gorman entered the auditorium and took his seat among the Howard county delegation. Colonel Buchanan Schley was appointed temporary chairman which he accepted in a brief address in which he discussed the currency question, asserting that the republican party having enacted all the currency laws now upon the statute books, are alone responsible for the present condition of affairs.

A committee on resolutions was then selected, and it was unanimously decided to refer to this committee without debate all resolutions presented from the floor. When Howard county presented Mr. Gorman's name for this committee there was more cheering.

The committee at the end of two hours returned and presented a platform largely devoted to State questions which was read by Senator Gorman as chairman.

The resolutions declare that the fundamental principles of democracy remain unchanged; that the democracy of Maryland believe now, and always have believed in "honest money, the gold and silver money of the constitution and the coinage of both metals without discrimination against either, into standard dollars of final payment and redemption," and assert that the recent action of President McKinley in asking for a currency commission is the result of the demand of more than six and one-half millions of democratic voters expressed at the polls in the last national election.

The Dingley tariff law is termed a more odious measure than the McKinley act of 1890, and it is asserted that it will be more signally condemned than was the McKinley act in 1892. A demand is made that the United States government take such action as will ameliorate the atrocities now being committed in Cuba and to fully protect every American citizen there in the enjoyment of his life and property.

Serious Charge.

CHICAGO, July 28.—According to a bill filed in the Circuit Court the Mechanics and Traders Savings, Loan & Building Association has an alleged shortage of \$338,000. The bill also charges that officers of the association aided the secretary to use the building society as a feeder for the latter's business as a builder and contractor that there are alleged "dummy" loans and that a number of the borrowing stockholders are in default on their payments.

On to Klondike.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28.—The departure of the steamer Excelsior has been set for 2 o'clock this afternoon. Many persons inquired this morning for passage, notwithstanding notice had been given some days ago that no more tickets would be sold. It was reported that as high as \$150 bonus had been offered for a passage by the steamer.

Foreign News.

LONDON, July 28.—A dispatch from Bombay says that Gangadhar Tilak, a native member of the legislative council, and Eshoo Madhav Bal, a partner of Tilak in publishing a newspaper, were arrested last evening on a charge of inciting the natives to disaffection.

Negro Women Whitecaps.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 28.—A new kind of whitecaps have banded together in Montgomery county. The organization consists of negro women interested in the moral reform of their sex. A few nights ago the band marched to the house of a woman who had enticed another woman's husband away. They took her into a woods, stripped her and flogged her with hickory branches.

THE NAVY YARD FIRES.—The board of inquiry, consisting of Captain Pendleton and Lieutenants Bohrer and Nicholson, appointed by Admiral Norton to investigate the most recent of the Washington navy yard fires, finished the work yesterday and handed the report to the commander this morning. The report gives in full the evidence of witnesses, states that the fire was incendiary, and that Messenger Fields failed to discharge his duty in that he did not inspect the buildings before closing them. The board came to the conclusion that the fire was of incendiary origin but failed to locate the incendiary.

The Mining Situation.

WHEELING, W. V., July 28.—Among the local labor leaders there is general disappointment that the conference held here yesterday did not take more radical action than to merely offer sentimental sympathy with no financial or strike aid.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 28.—The uniformity agreement passed on by the committee of coal operators does not vary materially from the agreement of February, 1896. On the question of wages it says that the commission shall refer said question to a board of arbitration to be mutually agreed upon.

FAIRMONT, W. V., July 28.—Polish women armed with stones and sticks kept several men from going to work at Monongah to-day. Others have been warned not to enter. Col. J. A. Fickinger said today if the men at his mine were not at work by Friday new men would be brought in.

COLUMBUS, O., July 28.—Fred Dilcher of the National Executive Committee wired national headquarters that Sugar Creek, McDonald, Turkey, Knob and Dunlop mines have close by a vote of the miners at a mass meeting in New River district.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 28.—The second day's session of the uniformity convention was slow but indications are that it will be several weeks before an agreement can be reached satisfactory to the 95 per cent. of the operators of the district necessary, before "true uniformity" can be established. There seems to be a mistaken impression as to the purpose of the meeting. It is not to settle the strike or the price of mining. It is simply to discuss the proposed plan of uniformity. Even if the agreement is adopted it will not settle the strike. It can only lead up to a settlement. The price of mining would then have to be settled by arbitration.

MAKE WAY FOR THE THIRD RAIL.—The Big Four and the Chesapeake & Ohio, according to reports in New York, are to be equipped with the "third rail" electric system. The big Four has 2,345 miles and the cost will be \$48,700,000. The Chesapeake & Ohio has 843 miles and the cost will be \$4,215,000. In addition to the two roads named, the following lines will also be equipped with the "third rail": The New York Central, 5,280 miles, \$105,000,000; The New Haven, 2,023 miles, \$40,460,000; Erie, 3,727 miles, \$14,540,000; Philadelphia & Reading, 1,277 miles, \$35,888,000; Southern railway, 4,752 miles, \$95,040,000; Northern Pacific, 4,346 miles, \$86,930,000.

The promoter of this gigantic scheme is P. H. Morgan, of New York, who practically controls 27,367 miles of railroad, and it is roughly estimated that the cost of electrical equipment on this mileage will be \$547,540,000. The roads represent a capitalization of \$1,016,982,250. The New York, New Haven and Hartford is getting the first appliances and the other roads will follow in due time. On the road first named exhaustive trials were made, and it was found that a speed of 100 miles an hour could be easily obtained by the railroad motors attached to heavy trains, and Mr. Morgan proposes to bring down the operating expenses of the road considerably. If his plan is carried out, and he has said it will be, the day of the steam locomotive is over.

STALLION AND BULL AT WAR.—An exciting battle was waged on the Heister farm near Potomac, Pa., Saturday evening between a thoroughbred stallion owned by Samuel Heister, of Philadelphia, and a bull owned by Samuel Acker. The bull had broken into the field where the stallion was pastured and immediately charged. The stallion was game and bit and kicked savagely. The fight continued nearly half an hour before they were driven apart. Both animals were cut and bruised and the stallion had a deep cut in the abdomen. The wound was dressed and the animal may live.

A TRAMP HOLDS UP A COOK.—A white tramp entered the kitchen of J. E. Warren, a well known real estate man of Newport News, yesterday morning just as the cook was about to carry the breakfast into the house. He coolly ordered her breakfast, and proceeded to enforce his demand at the point of a revolver. He ate his meal while Mr. Warren and family sat at the table in the next room wondering why the girl was so slow in getting breakfast on the table. After eating his breakfast the tramp disappeared.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES.—Of the King William delegates to the Roanoke convention, one is instructed for Ellyson and one for Tyler. The others are uninstructed.

Craig yesterday elected delegates. A motion to instruct for Tyler was withdrawn. The majority are conceded to be for Ellyson.

Fluvanna's nine delegates were instructed for Tyler.

Patrick's nine delegates were instructed for Tyler for Governor and Montague for Attorney General.

YOUNG MAN KILLED.—Louis R. Bruce, a young white man, was caught on the high trestle of the Southern Railway as it enters Danville from the north, yesterday. He glanced back as the engineer sounded the whistle and threw up both hands and stood as if dazed until the engine struck him. Death was instantaneous. Bruce went down from Sparta, S. C., to seek employment in the mills at Danville. The train was on a down grade and behind time, making fast speed.

A CALL TO MOTHERS IN NORFOLK.—The purity department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Norfolk, yesterday issued broadcast a circular to mothers, in which highly sensational allegations are made, which, if true, are alarming. The circular states that criminal means are largely employed in that city to accomplish the ruin of boys and girls, and a meeting of mothers is called for Wednesday noon.

W. R. Smith's College, Lexington, Ky., is where hundreds of clerks, farm boys and others have received \$90 for tuition and board for an education and are now getting \$1,000 and over a year. Read advertisement and keep this notice for reference. Remember in order that your letters may reach this college to address only W. R. SMITH, Lexington, Ky.

STOLEN.—BAY MAKE 16 hands high, white star on forehead, right hind foot white, small lump on left whorlbone, and scar on neck behind one of her ears. A reward of \$20 will be paid for return of the mare and \$30 for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

B. D. CATTS, West End, 1228 10.

BARREL.—The National League baseball games played yesterday resulted as follows: Baltimore-Washington, 10-1; Boston-Philadelphia, 4-3; Cleveland-New York, 1-0; Philadelphia-Pittsburgh, 4-3; Brooklyn-Cincinnati, 3-2; St. Louis-St. Paul, 1-0.

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